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ALEXANDRIA:

THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 16, 1858.

The New York Commercial contends that there is no evidence whatever to show that France and England are engaged in plans hostile to our interests in Central American affaire-and that neither of those powers have excepted or wish to exercise any "protectorate" over Nicaragua and Costa Rica. The Paris correspondent of the Commercial has it "from the best authority." that the French government feels no interest in the affairs of the Central American States, "further than securing for the isthmus passage whenever it shall be constructed, complete neutrality, and of this result it has had assurances from the two most interested powers, the United States and England." There seems, however, to be a great contrariety in the British and French papers, as to what are the real intentions of those governments.

The Union says that the "Senate will find it exceedingly difficult to justify itself in refeetual plan by which a Railroad to the Pacific shall be constructed."

Mr. Mason again attempted, on Tuesday, to have this measure laid on the table, as obstructing other necessary and important public business, which ought to be attended to, but was again defeated by a vote of 32 to

The debate, therefore, is still going on-and the friends of the measure are determined, if possible, to carry it through.

We have received the "Yalley Tan" a newspaper published at Great Salt Lake City. The date is November 5. It gives an account of the opening of the U. S. Court, for the third judicial district of Utah, by Judge Charles E. Sinclair. The Court adjourned until the 15th of this month, waiting for the arrival of the U. S. District Attorney.

The Valley Tan (a Utah name for Home Manufacture,) is a well printed and quite an interesting sheet. It is not under the control of Brigham Young or the Mormons.

As soon as the friends of Judge Douglas in Washington, ascertained that he was to be deposed from the Chairmanship on Territories, they telegraphed him to New Orleans, urging the necessity of his immediate presense at Washington, in the bope of making designed, he took the steamer for New York, and is now expected every day. After that, we shall see, what we shall see. lo the meantime, it is worthy of remark that Mr. Stuart, of Michigan, is retained at the head of the Committee on Public Lands --He sympathised fully with Douglas, and voted with and sustained him throughout.

So far there appears to be no dissent on the part of the Opposition press in Virginia, to the running of an Opposition State ticket to the Democratic nominees. The Fredericksburg Herald saye: - "Argument is not needed to urge the importance of presenting a ticket. Each one seems to understand the question in all its bearings. All are ready to say, why discuss questions of State and Federal polity, if we present no candidates around whom we may rally and upon whom our vote attesting our strength, may be thrown?"

The Union complains of some of the "opposition" papers for objecting to the President's recommendation of a bankrupt law, &c. The Union will please to include in its censures some of the "Democratic" papers, too,-the Richmond Enquirer for instance.

Lieut. White, lately carried off in the Fillibustering sobr. Susan, but allowed to return, says that the officers and men on the Susan were armed with revolvers, side arms, and rifles, and said they were going to Greytown, in Nicaragua.

Brevet Colonel John L. Smith, major, corps of engineers, U.S. A., died at his residence in the city of New York on the evening of the

Mrs. Wheaton, wife of Lieut. Frank Wheaton, and daughter of Adjutant General Colonel Samuel Cooper, died yesterday morning at the residence of her father in Washington.

The Ionian Islands are attracting much attention, and the English journals are full of discussion respecting their future govern-

Hon. John Kelley, sheriff eleect of New York, has filed his resignation as a member of Congress, to take effect December 25th.

The Bennett Divorce Case is still pending at New Haven, and continues to excite much interest in Connectiont.

Bale of Express Goods. The Dayton Journal tells the following good story of a "sell," such as does not occur every day, in which curiosity "ran a muck"

with the desire of gain: "The sale of express goods, not called for and forfeited, to pay charges, took place on Saturday morning. There were some amusing scenes at the sale, as it is a lottery in every sense of the word, except that the Express Company promise no prizes and offer no inducement to purchasers; the package is sold just as it is - you see the outside, but the contents are a sealed book until you buy and so gain the right to break it open. One man paid a pretty good price for a bundle of advertising almanace; another a like sum for a fluid of a sort which could only be used on come very particular occasion; and another bought a letter which he said contained \$4, but he didn't break it open in the presence of witnesses. Tom Morrison gave thirty-five cents for a neat little package, which, on being opened, proved to be the daguerreotype "colored gal." And so things ran .-Many of the packages contained patent medicines; one a baby's belt of patent leather. The sale was continued for three or four hours, and afforded "lote of fun" to the spec-

News of the Day. To show the very age and body of the TIMES."

The belief is entertained that the Vander bilt interest induced the captain of the Hermann to desert her on the Pacific side, and thus prevent the re-opening of the Nicaragua rouse by the failure to connect with the Washington. This impression is strengthened by the fact that the Vanderbilt is the recipient of a large subsidy from the Panama corporations for withholding competition, and that he was the principal means of preventing the ratification of the Cass-Irisarri treaty, which if confirmed, would long since have terminated these Isthmian complica-

Sainserain's vineyard, in California, covbeen this season 37,000 gallons of white wine, 3,000 gallons of red wine, 5,000 gallone angelica, and 3,000 gallone brandy-in all 48,000 gallons. To make one gallon of brandy requires five gallons of wine: and for each gallon of angelica about fifteen pints of wine. This will make the produce of the vineyard equal to about 65,000 gallons of wine, and more than six quarts of wine to the vine.

By direction of the President a court of inquiry is ordered to assemble at West Point, New York, on the 15th inst., to investigate a matter of complaint preferred by Lieut. James St. C. Morton, engineer department, against Professor Dennis H. Mahan, of the United States Military Academy .-The court will consist of the following offieers: Col. Robert E. Lee, Major Robert Anderson, Capt. Randolph B. Marcy. Captain Samuel Jones, will not as judge advocate and

The wealth of the two great centres of Boston and New York, amounts to sight bundred millions of dollars-New York baving \$525,000,000, Boston \$275,000,000, or a little more than one half that of New York .fusing to sanction some reasonable and ef- The property of Boston is one hundred millions more than that of the city of Philadelphia, and nearly three times that of Baltimore. It is said that Boston has more property, per capita, than any other city in the

The steamer Memphis, the last of the vessels chartered for the Paraguay expedition, has sailed for Buenos Ayres. In a few weeks, therefore, we may expect news from Commissioner Bowlin, after he has an interview with President Lopes. Men of good judgment here are of opinion that all difficulties will be arranged without firing a gun. The steamship owners, however, will "make a good thing of it.'

The State department, it is stated, has received despatches from Chili, conveying the gratifying intelligence that through the perseverance of the United States minister, Mr. Bigler, the claims of this country against Chili, in connection with the American vessels Macedonian and Franklin, have so far been advanced toward adjustment, that little doubt is entertained of its early consumma-

The jury in the case of Michael Cancemi, in New York, have agreed upon a verdict. They have been together since Saturday eveing. It is understood there were ten for conviction and two for acquittal. The Court refused to discharge them, and eventually they agreed upon a verdict of manslaughter in the first degree! The prisoner has had three previous trials.

stead of returning to Chicago, as had been with them a foundness for Sunday evening nance Department, who has resigned, and amusements, which is not kept under restraint | not Major Brewerton, who has charge of the by any of our oldfashioned notions of the sanctity of that day. The Post thus notices some of the scenes:--"On Sunday night the Stadt Theatre, from parquet to gallery, was crowded to suffocation.'

A board of officers, to consist of Col. Johnston, first cavalry, Lieut. Col. Buchanan, fourth infantry; Lieut. Col. Steptoe, ninth infantry; Captain Dver, ordnance department; Lieut. Wilcox, seventh infantry-is ordered to convene at Fort Monroe, Virginia, for the purpose of making experiments with small

A sample of tobacco grown this season at Belle Plaine, Minnesota, has been forwarded | celebrated editor of Brownson's Review .to the New York Herald. It was raised by a planter from Virginia, who has had much and entertains very sanguine hopes of a profitable yield from his estate in the new State.

Mr. Douglas addressed a mass meeting at New Orleans on the 4th. According to the street, under the rear window of his office, Crescent, "he spoke in strong terms against the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, by which Great Britain had secured to berself an equal interest with the United States in the affairs of Central America."

The Cincinnati Gazette of Saturday says, that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is taking Pork for Boston at \$2 per barrel, whilst his sleep, and some six weeks since had falthe other roads are compelled by agreement to charge \$2 17. The low rates charged by the Boston steamers from that city give Baltimore the advantage.

The body of an elderly man was found on Gevernment street, near Royal street, down the dizzy height on which his window Mobile, on the 8th inst. A verdict was ren- opened. dered that he died in a fit. The body was subsequently recognized as that of Mr. Hugh Frazier Parker, of Baltimore, where he has a large tamily residing.

The monument which the State of Louisiana is erecting on the New Orleans battleground has now reached the height of 60 feet. It is of white marble, and will be 150 feet high when completed.

The Baltimore Sun says that the trial trip of Ross Winan's eigar-shaped steamer will be made in about three weeks. She will be propelled by four engines, of 1,000 horse

power each. The Memphie Eagle and Enquirer informs its readers that Hop. Jerre Clemens has become permanently associated with it and will take the chief control of its editorial department.

Beavers, which were once so much valued or their furs, and were hunted almost to extermination, are increasing in Canada, and are quite plenty within ten miles of Toronto. Cairo, Illinois, was visited by a fire on the night of the 8th inst., which destroyed property to the amount of fifty or sixty thousand

dollars. A banking firm in Indiana bas issued \$25, 000 of promissory notes, based upon live stock-10,000 head of hoge, and 1,200 head of cattle, deposited in their own pens.

There are now lying in the Atlantic Dock basin, Brooklyn, New York, 20 canal boats loaded with 42,000 bushels of potatoes. They sell at \$1 25 per barrel.

It is stated that Lieut. Gen. Scott is about to visit Havans for a brief sejourn, passing en route through Charleston, where it is proposed to give him a public reception.

Hon. W. S. Damrell, a representative from Massachusetts, has been so prostrated by an ulcerated sore throat, that he will not proba- discounts, having no favors to ask, they will bly resume his seat in Congress.

It is becoming somewhat questionable whether the preaching of the Rev. Mr. His oux in the National Theatre in N. York, on of the slang phrases of the pit. The preachimpression if he only reclaims one sinner out

have swindled his friends there to the extent Joseph, Mo., and succeeded in gaining a rep- the consideration of the subject. utation as a forger to the extent of \$6.000 .ers forty scree of ground and has 40,000 He then subsided in some part of Western vines. The product of this vineyard has Texas. A few days ago, he turned up again and not two weeks, as was inadvertently enough. At every leisure moment, by day enough to read and discriminate, can almost in St. Louis, playing his old games, and printed.
was arrested. He calls himself Lagram, but Letter his real name is not known.

The late commercial revulsion laid its hand the West, where the credit system was expanded to an enormous extent, and now nothing is heard from them but a terribly earnest cry of "bard times." The Boston Journal says:-"The city of Chicago, which has been he great headquarters of speculation at the West, and where store lots two years ago were worth almost untold gold, feels the reaction with great severity."

We have later dates from Great Salt Lake City. At camp Floyd the officers of Gen. Johnston's force had established a theatre .-For want of paint to paint scenery, they had in the neighborhood of Malod Valley, and Gen. J. had dispatched troops thither to protect the government stock herded there.

Ranch, near Petaluma, in California, to be used in the construction of a side-wheel steamer, at the navy-yard. The use of this description of wood is a novelty in shipbuilding, it never, we believe, having been used for the purpose elsewhere.

Benjamin Lett, the man who was convicted about twenty years since, of blowing up the Brock Monument at Queenstown Heights, but escaped as he was being taken to prison, died in Milwaukee, on Thursday last, from the effects of poison, as is supposed, administered by a man who is under arrest.

Lord Lyons, who has been been appointed sentative of Her Britannic Majesty at Washington, is of American descent. His greatgrandfather was a Philadelphian, who removed to Antigua, where the lather of the

first Lord Lyons was born. The Monmouth (N. J.) Democrat says that a man, calling himself Brigham Young, damage is apprehended. ir., has established himself in Ocean county, and called his place "New Utah," or "Little Salt Lake." He has also induced three silly women to join him, as a starting point in his

Rev. John Larkin, one of the ministers cis Xavier, in New York, died very suddenly on Saturday evening. He was to have ectured that evening in the James street church, at which place Archbishop Hughes appeared and appounced his death.

The announcement that Major Brewerton had resigned his position in the Army is income trials.

The Germans of N. York have brought

The Germans of N. York have construction of Fort Carroll, on the Patapsco.

A collection was taken up on Sunday in all repairing, fornishing and other expenses ineident to fitting up of an American Catholic College at Rome.

Sad Death of a Somnambullet.

The St. Paul (Minnesota) Pioneer, of the 5th instant, records the sudden death, under circumstances of a very distressing character, of John H. Brownson, esq., of the firm of J. H. & W. P. Brownson, attorneys of that city, and sons of Dr. Orestes A. Brown son, the The Pioneer says:

Mr Brownson passed the evening of Friday in the society of his friends, in the full vigor experience in the cultivation of this crop, of lusty manhood. On the following moraing, between the hours of seven and eight, his mutilated corpse was found stretched at the bot om of the bluff, near the head of Hill from which he had evidently leaped or fallen in the course of the night.

From the evidence given before the jury by the intimate acquaintances of the deceased, in relation to his habits, there is no doubt that the deceased was a victim of an unfortunate babit of somnambulism. He was known by his friends to be in the habit of walking in len down the stairs leading to his room, while in a fit of this sort. As he was found with his clothes on his person, his bed remaining undisturbed, it probable that he fell asleep in his chair, and perhaps realised a terrible nightmare by precipitating himself asleep

A circumstance which lends a peculiar melancholy to this catastrophe, is that Mr. Brownson was in daily expection of his wife, which may, even now crown the tragic horror of the story with a sad coincidence of a greet-

ing at the grave.

M. E. General Conference. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church meets every four years, commencing on the first day of May. This time for the commencement of its session is objected to by some on various grounds, one of which is that the whole country is then agitated with the Presidential contest, and causes a good deal of disturbance whenever November the most suitable time. The bishop says that from 1784 to 1800, the conferthe change was ordered from spring to fall, there were only six annual conferences, all comparatively small, with two bishops; now there are forty-seven annual conferences, and all comparatively large. The bishop thinks, also, that generally May is not a convenient time for the large delegations to the general conference to be accommedated in the families where the meeting takes place.

The New York Bullion Bank. The New York Courier and Enquirer says: tablished in our city at an early day. Those day before .- N. H. Register. having the plan are, it seems, determined to

test its practicability and its usefulness; and

baving the means, will carry it into opera-

The friends of the Bullion Bank claim that it will be a perfectly safe depository for those who, not having recovered from the fright of October, 1857, wish to place their funds where they will not be speculated upon .-These depositors are parties who have no expectation or wish for secomm dations or bank

Telegraphic Despatches. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-Accounts received from Washington Territory state that the gives an account of a young man of Mount enlogy bestowed upon it as the very lever company from Iewa, under Saml. S. Curtis, Vernon, Ill., named A C. Johnson: At the and main-spring of progress—the most po-Sanday evenings, is likely to produce good.— have arrived at Austra, on Cherry creek, and age of ten be took a faucy for the study of tent agency tending to our social advance-It is difficult to restrain the untimely apprepart favorably of the gold mines there. — Latin. He soon found, and it was all be ment and intellectual improvement—it is alplause of the boys, some of whom, because They are building their houses and preparing could find, Andrew's and Stoddard's very so directly responsible for much of the evil the exercises are in the theatre, seem to think for winter. It has been ascertained that small Grammar, which he borrowed, and that is in the world. While it is true that their approbation must be manifested by use Ansora is in Nebraska Territory. A post- kept long enough to master most of its brief good books are scattered broadcast over the office has just been established there and the lessons. er, however, thinks he is making a goodly above-mentioned gentleman appointed post- resolved to have one of his own. He had calculable, it must not be forgotten that the

The majority of the House committee of About three years ago a dashing financier ways and means are opposed to the Presiof Chicago left that city and was said to dent's views of specific duties in the revision bor, knowing his ambition and his lack of earth is deluged. There are two principal of the tariff.

of some \$100,000. He next figured at St. road in the House, will meet on Thursday for which he made him a present. A. C. J. took their low price, that is, to say, low, in com-

arrival of his successor in two months Anthon's Latin Lessons, and he was rich

resume his seat in the Senate during the use of Andrew's Latin Reader; and, after heavily upon many of the cities and towns of present session, and that his physicians have be had finished this, an elder brother preopinion that he will ultimately recover his procuring and reading Caser, Ovid, Cicero, health.

Boston, Dec. 13 .- F. W. Lincoln, jr., the Logica-London, 1659." "citizen's candidate," was elected mayor of rality. All the candidates for aldermen, on and borrowed a much larger work by J. the fullest sense of the term, they were sufthe same ticket, were also elected. In New-Smith, S. T. D., print. Boston, 1809. Beficiently immedest and disgusting to execute buryport Albert Currier, citizen's candidate, fore he had fini-hed this be borrowed Val- a storm of reprobation and rebuke which sabstituted a concoction of musturd. Large Colby. In Lynn, to day, Edward Davis, the Greek grammar. After borrowing and read- caused then to be less openly offered in all numbers of war-like Indians were assembling people's candidate, was elected mayor by 276 ing Anthon's Jacob's Reader, he happened to the highways and thoroughfares. The most

Sr. Louis, Dec. 14.-Depredations and house burnings in Southern Kansas are fre-Laurel timber has been cut on the Nevada quent, growing out of certain parties disre- Minora, Greek Testament, Xonophon, Hogarding the compromise between Gov. Den- mer, and a Lexicon. ver and the people.

view to forming a new territory.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 13 -Fifteen prisoners escaped from the jail last night by sawing through five iron bars of their cell window, with a saw made out of a watch spring. They lowered themselves from the father's old papers a large bundle of Conwindow and effected their escape by a boat or gressional documents, containing the corresswimming the Genessee river.

Washington December 14 .- Captain Farragot has received preparatory orders to take command of the new sloop of war Brooklyn, Spanish, accompanied by a literal translathe successor of Lord Napier, as the repre- and to report January 1st, when this vessel will make a trial trip to the Gulf of Mexico. read the Spanish alone with ease, or else of Suspension Bridge, was instantly killed on which. But he now had the good fortune to

ing, by being thrown under the cars. CINCINNATI, Dec. 14 .- Incessant rains have fallen in the last twelve hours, and much

N. P. Willis on Persimmons. 'One of the first of my Virginia experiences was the very new sensation of eating a per- throw light upon them. simmon. By its frequent mention in negro

sibly to close the gate after enough has er- were Jayne's Medizinischer Kalendar for a tered-for, of all the contractile agents, this reader, and Jayne's Medical Almanac for a seems to me the most puckery and nurelex- dictionary. They contain nearly 60 pages ing. The mouth and lips are drawn so ob- of matter not the most interesting, but A. the Catholic churches of New York, for the stinately tegether, by eating a persimmon. C. pondered over them day after day, week that it would be difficult to follow it, even with after week, till be could translate literally "a drink;" though I am not sure that all its every sentence in the calendar. He then effects are so preventive, as the traveller, for | happened to find a copy of Oilendorf, which the next mile or two after the tasteof it, looks | he immediately borrowed. At last he sucvery much as if getting ready for a ki-s--a | ceeded in purchasing a German Bible, Dutch kiss, however, of which till the lips relax, the Reformed Hymn Book, &c., which he read secret is very sure to be kept! Now why with the utmost satisfaction. would not a persimmon tree, (let me ask Mr. Gimbrede,) stamped upon note paper, or graven on a seal; be a pretty bieroglyphic for Greek, Habrew, Spanish, French, German, secrecy? And why would not a persimmon Italian, Portuguese, Dutch, Danish, Swedish,

> ture to "kiss but never tell," he a very handy phrase for common usage? -- Home Jour.

The Affair at San Juan. A correspondent of the New York Times. referring to the visit paid by the British of ficers to the Washington, in the waters of San Juan, says that Captain Aldham, of the British frigate Valerous, in reply to the note | phia Ledger says: of Com. McIntosh, of the United States frigate Roanoke, claimed the right to visit ships and institute an examination at San Juan, as it was within the Mosquito kingdom, which in the newspapers: Great Britain was bound by its treaties to protect. Com. McIntosh sent a second communication to Captain Aldham, the nature of which had not transpired; but the person who carried it said he had had an interview with Captain Aldham and Sir Wm. Gore Ouseley, the British minister, and that he considered the recent affair of boarding the Washington as now satisfactorily settled, as far as it could be, by flag-officer McIntosh; and that he had no doubt there would be no difficulty in future in that respect-the boarding and examination of American merchant vessels by British cruisers in the waters of the Mosquito coast. Capt. Aldham and the Minister's secretary afterwards visited Com. McIntosh on board the Roanoke, and were cordially received, and remained on board all night.

Progress of Impovement. The N. Y. Tribune comments upon the

fact that the Empire of the Ottoman Porte yields at last to the march of medern improvement, and has begun to be traversed by its first railroad: "This road is about seventy miles in length

and extends from Smyrna to Aidin in the valley of Meander, whence comes the principal part of the fruit and tobacco exported from Smyrna-articles which now employ the conference is held. The Rev. T. A. for their land transportation not less than Morris, the senior bishop of the M. E Church, five thousand camels. The first ten miles of is now discussing the expediency of chang- this road are now ready for the rails, and ing the time of the meeting from the spring to thirty-five miles more, as far as the Saladin the fall of the year. He thinks the middle of Dagh, the Messogis of the ancients -- a range of mountains which separates the valley of the Cayster from that of the Meander -- are in ence was held in the autumn. In 1796, when rapid progress and will be completed in the course of the next summer. The mountains Boards, Dominoes, &c.

CHILDRENS BOOKS in almost endless varimust be passed by a tunnel, and five hundred men are employed."

Just as an auctioneer in Hartford, was saying "gone!" (a few evenings since,) his audience went through the floor into the cellar, but happily without burning one of them. The auctioneer, as soon as he found his legs. remarked that the accident would enable him to sell lower than before, and called for a "bid," and they "bid him good night." It is conceded that this Bank will be es- will balance the case of "shop lifting" of the

LYCERINE and CAMPHOR ICE, Aman T dine for chaped hands Rose Lip Salve, and Rose Lip Balm, Frangipanni Cream, just received, and for sale by ... WILLIAM BOWLING,

dec 14 TOR CHAPPED HANDS AND LIPS --Amandine's Cold Cream, Lip Salve, and the various sizes, to which the attention of buy-Camphor Ice, with Glycerine, for sale by
JOHN A. MILBURN, low prices. ers is invited-all of which will be sold at very Druggiet. nov 27

A correspondent of the New York Tribune Lord Napier will leave Washington on the it for 621 cts. This just enabled him to buy matter they contain. or night, he was poring over his treasure, remember the advent of the cheap novel -Letters received from Paris by Senator until be had almost committed the whole to Sallust, Horace, and "Quidam Tractatus

In the mean time he had commenced the Cook (Rep.) was elected mayor by 300 plu- But better luck awaited him. He found terms. -a Greek Delectus, Greek Exercises, Greea

Long before he had finished these, he had The Pike's Peak gold accounts are favora- undertaken the Hebrew. His father owned ble. The miners have elected members of a Hebrew Grammar by the Rev. Martin Ru-Legislature and delegate to Congress, with a ter, which it was no difficult task to commit to memory, and a larger work entitled Wilson's Introduction. These employed him for nearly a year, after which he bought a Hebrew Bible, and was "in all his glory."

Spanish came next. He found among his condence of the Secretary of State with the Mexican and Spanish Ministers. The letters of the Ministers were in the original tion. A. C. studied these until he could UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 13 .- Griffith N. Griffith, had the whole by heart-he scarcely knew the Central Railroad, in this city, this even- borrow a Spanish Grammar, and eagerly did he devour it. He then got a testament, which a soldier had pocketed in Mexico; also a prayer-book and Ortega's Poems, all of which he read; but as he had no dictionary, he had to note down the words whose meaning he could not decipher until he should find them in a construction that would

songs, this fruit has become classic, and I had a pretty good beginning in Wanostrocht, year or eighteen months. But the seriwas as interested in tasting it, as the travel- which he studied and re-studied carefully. of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Fran- ler in Italy with his first pluck of a ripe fig .- Then, without a dictionary, he began to ishing titles, are forlorally weak and in It resembled a small apple, as seen banging read Telemaque, a book he had borrowed as upon the leafless twig; though the tree grows usual. He noted the difficult words as in the he reads them; indeed the power of thought taller and with more spready branches than Spanish, till be could render literally every bas little to do with either their production the apple tree. There were plenty of them in sentence in the volume. He then bought the fields, as we drove past the corn plants- for firty-five cents a French Testament, tions in the open country, and our friend and French Arithmetic, "French Guide," and conductor kindly jumped over the rail fence | Perrin's Fables, which he read with infinite | commonplace. Instead of the higher ro-He had already turned his attention to the text-books

By means like these he has become acquainted with a dozen languages-Latin, Baxtor, JT B kiss. (so called from this sweet lesson of Na- Russian, besides storing in a selendid memory the choice gems from 500 volumes of miscellaneously reading. He is quiet, retir- Cavens, Henry ing, taciture, solemo; but writes a great deal, and many of his writings are humor-

Life in New York.

A letter from New York to the Philadel "Since I wrote you, vesterday, we have been supping full of horrors, the pature of which you may gather from the following headings

"Another Policeman probably Murdered!" "Policeman Davidson Stabbed!" "Bloody Row in Grand stree:"

"Three Men Seriously Wounded!" "A Courtezan Stabiled in Canal street!" "Mysterious Saicide of a Female!" "Death from Starvation!" There, that will do, for one day "

HOLIDAY PRESENTS. TAS. ENTWISLE & SON, Booksellers and Stationers, No. 95 King street, announce that Grow, Alexander hey have now in store their supply of goods table for presents at the Christmas and New Years season. They respectfully invite the attention of purchasers to their assortment, feeling confident that so general a stock has never Heaston, Ellen Mrs efore been offered in this market. They have | Hart, J B

sizes, in cloth, sheep, morocco, blue and gult, and Haynes, Patrick Turkey antique A great variety of the fine Gift Books, for the eason, including The Stratford Gallery, and the Gallery of Famous Poets, elegantly bound in Jefferson, Jeremiah

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Desks, Leather Desks, Fine Port Folios, Pen | Neal, Thomas P Knives, Ink Stands, Chess Men, Backgammon ety, comprising all new popular works for this Pierson, Jesse Capt season, together with the best standard publica- Pirotte, Louisa Miss

tions. Also, a large number of the Holiday

books of the Surday School Union, Nelson & Rickets, Asa Son's, and Dana & Co. A B. C. Blocks in boxes; new Games; Indestructible Picture, and A. B. C. Books; Paper Smith E K Miss Dolls; Color Boxes, Transparent Slates, &c., &c. | Sutherlin, John The articles above-mentioned are all fresh. raving just been purchased at the North and having been bought at the lowest prices, will be

sold correspondingly low. CINGING SCHOOL -Mr. B. F. DENNIS Thomas, Mary Miss will commence his class, on Tuesday even. Turner, Jane Mary Mrs Tyler, William ing, at 71 o'clock, at the corner of Royal and Taylor, Adelaide F Mrs Taylor, Anna Mrs Duke streets. Juvenile School, on Saturday, December 11th.

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Cheap Literature.

If the art of printing deserves all the He then had to return this, and he land, and that their influence for good is in-90 cts. He had found in the road at differ- same cheapness which is so great a desideraent times a dime and a balf-dime, and a rela- tum in their case, applies with fatal aptness means, showed him a side of old bacon, very classes of bad publications which are with-The select committee on the Pacific Rail- rusty, and worm-eaten on the edges, of in the reach of everybody in consequence of it, trimmed, scoured and sunned it, and sold parison with the mere quantity of printed

Two or three volumes, compressed into one, Wilson, say that Senator Summer will not memory. A friend then allowed him the with paper covers, in bad type on poor paper -- but still readable -- and for sale at twentyfive cents! At first these were confined to advised his going to Montpelier, France, for sented him the Epit. Sac. Hist, and Viri reprints of standard works of fiction-books further medical treatment. They express the Rome. After this he had little difficulty in which may be found in binding more worthy of their value, and in most libraries-but the devil soon seized upon this new appliance, by which evil might be wrought, and all the steamboats, railway stations and news this city to-day by 2,000 plurality. A major- study of Greek. His father owned Wesley's depots were speedily thronged by his emissaity of the "citizen's ticket" for aldermen, was works, and among them was a Greek Gram- ries in the form of what was called "yellow also elected. The entire "citizen's ticket" in mar. This was A. C.'s starting point, and covered literature." Of these vile books we Worcester was elected. In Lowell, James few boys will consider it a pleasant one .- scarcely know bow to speak in measured Without being positively obscene in is elected mayor. His vote is 958 to 765 for ney, and there completed his knowledge of soon caused them to disappear, or at least meet an opportunity to buy for a few cents curious feature in their history, was the -learned works do not sell well in the West unparalleled effrontery with which they were thrust into the face of the community. They are still secretly offered for sale and have rather increased in vividness and filth, many of them being illustrated with pictorial embellishments a little more disgusting, if possible than the text they illustrate.

A step higher in the scale, but still sufficiently low, we find the cheap paper-bound novels, with wonderfully taking titles. For instance. "The Pale Lily, or the Young Bride's Fearful Honeymoon!" (Let not our readers suppose for a moment that we ever read a sentence in a book with such a title.) These productions are guilty of the most hor rible stupidity. The most apparent evil effeet they produce on their readers is the stultification of their intellectual powers .-The first mentioned transformed their readers into brutes, these last transform them into oysters, and their craniums is the last place one would look for brains. The second class of cheap publications

which is just now growing in popularity is the low-priced newspaper, devoted to serial tales. Even the first class productions of Thackeray, Bulwer and Dickens are objectionable when they appear in parts, separated by intervals of a week or a month, inas much as the interest in the story wanes if it is not kept on the stretch all the time, and if it is, the story itself is not worth Then came the French. For this A. C. the continued attention of a reader for a als in the weekly newspapers, with aston sipid. No one is compelled to think while or perusal. They are never natural in their main incidents and characters, and the denouement is always unreasonable, weak or mance, which elevates and enobles, they induce in their readers the meanest aspirations and the silliest fancies. We are in favor of well-told tales, inculcating sound morals. and affording instruction in the guise of amusement, but this "flapdoddle" (which, according to Sir Terrence O'Brien, means "the stuff fools are fed on") is as intôlerable as it is common. - Balt American.

IST OF LETTERS remaining in the Post Office, at Alexandria, Va., on the 15th day December, 1858. Persons calling for Letters

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Griffith, Greenbury Greene, Richard Capt Gray, Robert Gray, Wm (Butcher)

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Incumbenciats and Rotationists.

Among the dense populations of the North the Rotationists carry the day. In Virginia, the Incumbencists hold almost undivided sway. Everywhere, neither Incumbencists nor Retationists, could command a crumb of patronage, if the great majority of the peu ple, who have no selfish interest in elections would earnestly lend their disinterested et forts to the security of the public welfare.

Let the Democratic party in Virginia adopt the policy of requiring its candidates abide, previous to each election, the decision of nominating Conventions. Let no man receive the endorsement of the party by sufferance. Let the incumbents come forward on equal ground with all other aspirants .-The incumbent who is disposed to flinch from such a trial, evidently doubts his hold The "youngest inhabitant" who is old on the popular confidence. If the doubt be well founded, such incumbent ought no longer to be sustained by the party, to the ex-

clusion of more emcient leaders. The incumbent who can maintain popular preference, under such a test, will only acquire an additional testimonial of the peoble's confidence. It puts him to no unfair or unnecessary trial, and it is due to his own position as well as to the claims of his competitors, that a nominating Convention shall be called to weigh and compare the rival claims of all, before any one of the number shall be endorsed as the chosen champion of his party.-Rich. Enquirer.

[COMMUNICATED. I wonder what has become of "God save

the Commonwealth," who some time since in such a confident manner, informed the readers of the Richmond Enquirer, that there were but three persons-"a crest-fallen and disconsolate trio," at the recent Dem .. cratic meeting at this place, who were in favor of the nomination of Mr. Letcher for Governor. The proceedings of the Peters. burg Convention have sufficiently corrected that statement. The Democracy of this city was represented in the Convention by eleven delegates, and all save three, voted for Mr. Letcher! I would ask the question, who are now the "crest-fallen and disconsolate tri-If one of the three who voted against Mr. L. is not the author of the squib which appeared over the signature of "God save the Commonwealth," there is not new a "crestfallen and disconsolate trio," but a disconso

SAD REVERSE -- The Philadelphia Press. in speaking of the arrest for forgery in that city of Geo. F. Peterman, says of him:

late and crest-fallen quarto JUBILANT.

Alexandria, December 15th, 1858

"When Peterman was questioned by Eneu as to the name of the friend who would go his security, the reply was a truthful on Recorder, a few years ago, when I had mon and was spending it freely, I was surrous by friends, but now in my guilt and mistortu cannot see one of them!" When Petern was removed from the office, he wept like child, and there were few who saw him did not feel truly sorry for his condition. I be contemplated suicide was evident from fact that in his pockets was found a l quantity of arsenic, which was removed b officers.

"The cashier of the Kensington Bank had a interview with Peterman a: the conclus the hearing, and asked him whether his lar had any support. He replied that his wife nine children were at the point of starval and that he did not know how soon they w die. Tears were in the eyes of the cashie

he feelingly replied: "Make your mind easy. terman, for they shall never want while I is the means to provide for them." "A few years ago Peterman was the po of an ample fortune, and was looked up to as very model of unrightness and hone was the proprietor of an extensive main Second street, below Coates, and by good management was realizing a handson income but while in the midst of his now v. he was induced to visit one of the ble gambling saloons, and soon became so cinated that he spent his entire fortune and

came so reduced that he was obliged to sell

stock for the payment of his debts, which verse has now ended in a telon's cell for torge CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND NE / YEAR -Well Sir! what have you about them? I mean to say what say, that is to say, if you say, you heard body say that I had no nice GOODS for aforesaid days. I will merely say, please this way. Now Sir! Just take a look at Counters and Show Cases, loaded with Boo from the smallest Juvenile Pictures, Games. Puzzles, to the bigest Poets-also, Port F-Writing Desks in great variety, Work ! Cabas, Purses and Porte Monaies, Card Ca Pen and Pocket Knives, Scissors, Gold new style Ink Stands, Tablets, Combs. Bra Soaps, Perfumery, Chess Men, Dominoes, i

gammon Boards, India Rubber Balls, Mathem ical Instruments, Paint Boxes with lock and k &c., &c. And last though not least, just take a look these beautiful new Melodeons, just from factory of Carbart, Needham & Co., while am selling at factory prices, together with i ly every kind of Musical Instruments from Flute to a Piano, with some 5 or 10,000 pie

of music to select from. JOHN H PARROTT dec 15 NEW BOOKS, MAGAZINES, AND P PERS, AT GEO, SIGGERS' Book and riodical Store, 75 Prince street, opposite the Gas

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